

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Specifically, during a series of telephone calls between Examiner Nguyen, Joel Wall and John Pokotylo on July 29, 2004, Examiner Nguyen indicated that both she and her primary will allow this application if the recitations of dependent claim 16 are added to the independent claims. Examiner Nguyen further specified where in the claims the recitations of dependent claim 16 should be added. The applicants have amended to the claims in accordance with the Examiner's instructions. Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance.

The applicants reserve their right to pursue patent protection on subject matter disclosed but not claimed, such as via a continuation application for example.

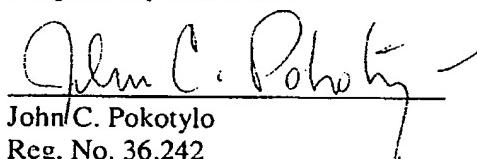
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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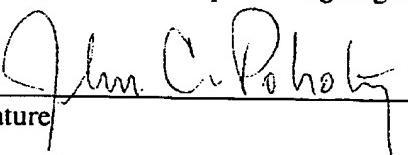


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